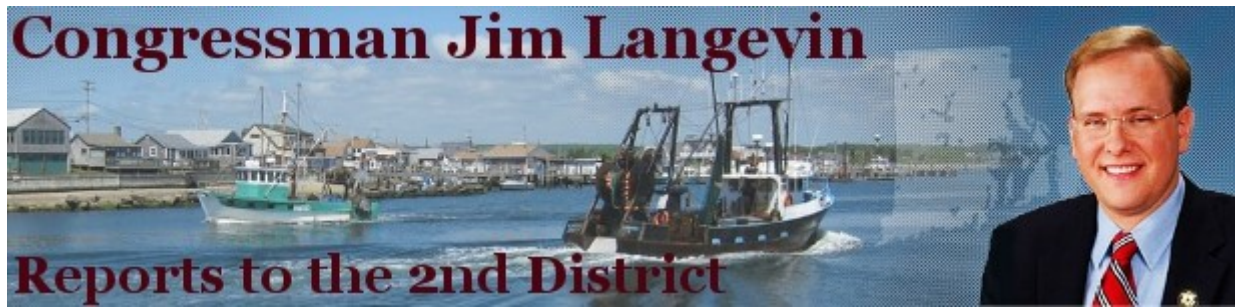


Having trouble viewing this email? View it on our [website](#).



[Home](#)

[Services](#)

[Issues](#)

[Media Center](#)

[Contact](#)

March 15, 2021

## Going Big to Support RI's Recovery



Dear Friends,

It has been a little more than a year since the first case of COVID-19 was reported in Rhode Island. Today, we are beginning to turn the corner, but to completely crush the virus, we need to go big and get relief into the hands of the people who are hurting most. To do so, I voted for Congressional passage of [legislation to implement President Joe Biden's \\$1.9 trillion "American Rescue Plan" last week](#). This proposal was signed into law on March 11 by President Biden, and help is on the way!

The *American Rescue Plan Act* will infuse an estimated \$1.78 billion into Rhode Island in the form of state and local government aid; this includes an estimated \$1.12 billion for the state, \$113 million for critical state capital projects in response to the pandemic, and \$542 million in aid to cities and towns. This is in addition to an estimated \$690 million for schools including \$415 million in support of safely reopening K-12 schools, \$180 million for higher education, \$93 million for childcare programs, and \$3 million for Head Start.

Join the Conversation:



**Save The Date**

### FILE YOUR TAXES

*Don't forget to file your taxes! The IRS is advising people to file online to avoid paper-related delays. Free filing resources are available for qualifying taxpayers.*

### Did You Know...?

#### CONGRESSIONAL HIGH SCHOOL ART COMPETITION

Submissions for Rep. Langevin's 2021 Congressional High School Art Competition are now being accepted. High school students residing in the Second District are eligible. >>

#### FAST FACT

Over 280,000 COVID-19 vaccine doses have been administered in Rhode Island. Availability is steadily increasing, and you may already qualify. >>

### In Other News

I invite you to join my telephone town hall with House Committee on Ways and Means Chairman Congressman Richard Neal, who authored portions of the bill pertaining to the \$1,400 Economic Impact Payments, expanded unemployment insurance, and a revamped child tax credit, Governor Dan McKee, and Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training Acting Director Matt Weldon, **this evening from 6:00-7:00pm** to highlight how the legislation will benefit Rhode Island communities. Those interested may [register online](#) to receive a call or **dial 855-962-1080** during the scheduled time to participate in the conversation.

We are far from being in the clear from this terrible virus. Congress had to act with urgency to provide relief that will help rebuild our communities and make them more resilient, and the *American Rescue Plan Act* delivers.

To keep up with the latest on COVID relief, please visit [my website](#) and follow me on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), [YouTube](#) and [Instagram](#).

Sincerely,

*Jim Langevin*



### Small Business Virtual Town Hall

A few weeks ago, I hosted a virtual town hall with [Rhode Island Small Business Administration \(SBA\) District Director Mark Hayward](#) focusing on federal small business relief provided in the December COVID-19 relief package. The event covered small business aid available for local businesses, and we addressed questions on how to access the billions in Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) funding still available.



### URI to Boost Cyber Workforce

It was with great pride that I helped announce that the University of Rhode Island had become one of six universities added to the [CyberCorps: Scholarship for Service program](#). The program provides full scholarships and stipends to students who agree to work in the cybersecurity field for federal, state, local or tribal governments upon graduation. Congratulations to Dr. Victor Fay-Wolfe and URI for achieving this milestone.

### SHINING THE SPOTLIGHT ON CYBERSECURITY

Rep. Langevin covered his priorities as the chairman of the new House Armed Services Committee's Subcommittee on Cyber, Innovative Technologies and Information Systems with *The Hill*. >>

### MODERNIZING CYBER INFRASTRUCTURE

Rep. Langevin underscored that digital infrastructure is as important as roads and bridges and that modernization would improve resiliency. >>

### WSJ HIGHLIGHTS CYBER DIPLOMACY

Rep. Langevin spoke to *The Wall Street Journal* about the need for a dedicated bureau focused on cyber diplomacy to protect critical infrastructure and national interests. >>

### HELPING RI's ARTISTS

Rep. Langevin announced that seven Providence-based arts organizations received \$145,000 in grant funding from the National Endowment for the Arts. >>

### RECOGNIZING FFA'S LEADERSHIP

Rep. Langevin marked National FFA Week to recognize the critical role of FFA in promoting agricultural education and workforce development across the country. >>

### HOLDING REP. GREENE ACCOUNTABLE

Rep. Langevin voted to relieve Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene of her committee assignments due to her reprehensible behavior. >>

### TECHTANK PODCAST

Rep. Langevin was a special guest on the TechTank podcast and covered how governments, businesses, and individuals can protect themselves from cybersecurity incidents. >>

**PRIVACY STATEMENT:**

This is an official email from Congressman Jim Langevin. You have received this email by signing up on my website for periodic updates to your email account.

If you have not received this email directly, I invite you to join other Rhode Islanders in the Second Congressional District in [signing up for my email updates](#). Please know that because I respect your privacy, your information will never be shared or sold. Also, updates will not overwhelm your email inbox.

If you no longer wish to receive these updates, you may [unsubscribe](#).